PRESIDENT: Then the District Officers will have to lose their posts.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know how many merchants have hitherto applied for license?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Almost all the large scale importers and other prominent merchants have applied for licenses and today I understand that 4000 applications are pending with the Food Grains Ofifcer and arrangements have been made to dispose of them.

Rice imported into Travancore.

272 *MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity of rice imported into Travancore, per year, from outside India, for the last four years;

(*b*) what is the quantity of rice and paddy imported into Travancore from the various parts of India for the last four years;

(*c*) whether Government have taken measures after the loss of the Burmese markets of rice to safeguard the importation of sufficient rice to Travancore from other parts of India; and

(*d*) if so, what are the measures taken?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) & (*b*) *Statements containing the required information are laid on the table.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Government have apprised the Regional Price and Supply Board, Madras, of the requirements of the State, and have obtained the necessary quota from the rice producing areas in the Madras Presidency. Arrangements have also been made with the Railways for the transport of stocks purchased for the State.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽനിന്ന നെല്ലും അരിയും വെളിയിൽ പോകാതിരിക്കുന്നതിന വല്ല വ്യവസ്ഥയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

RAJYASEVA PRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: ഉണ്ട്. ഒരു നോട്ടിഫിക്കേഷൻ മുഖാന്തിരം വെളിയിൽ അയക്കുന്നതിനെ തടഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Thuvalar.

273. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a very old Anicut exists on the Thuvalar near Karavilay which has been used for feeding Somasarikulam and other tanks from pre-Kodayar days; and

(*b*) whether breaches on the banks of the river near this Anicut remain unrepaired?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: இந்த உடைப்புகளை ரிப்பேர் செய்ய டிபார்ட்மெண்டார் ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I have received an estimate for Rs. 2,000 and action is being taken on that.

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